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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 June 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/12/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 6 and 7 are objected to because of the following informalities: Please spell out the term "PIP" in claim 6, line 2, "SMT" in claim 7, line 3. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

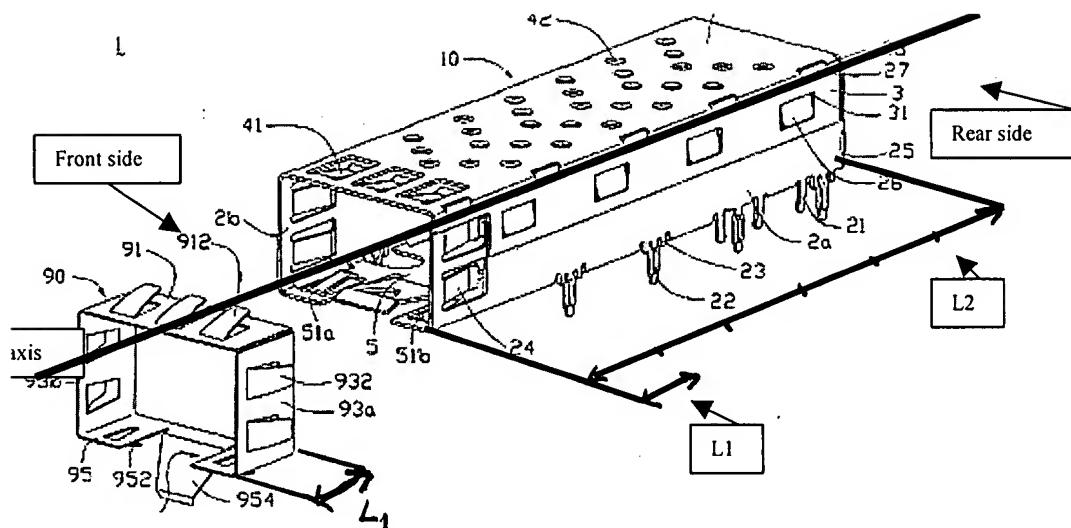
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 7-10 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hwang (US6478622B1).

In regards to claim 1, Hwang discloses a shielding cage (10+90) extending along a longitudinal axis between a front side and a rear side (see marked-up below) and comprising a diecast metal section (section of element 90) extending from the front side over a first length (L1) along the longitudinal axis characterized by a sheet metal section (section of element 10) extending from the rear side towards the front side over a second length (L2) along the longitudinal axis, the first length (L1) being substantially shorter than the second length (L2).

In regards to claim 2, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+90) wherein the ratio of the first length (L1) to the second length (L2) is in the range 1:3 to 1:6.

In regards to claim 7, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the sheet metal section (section of element 10) comprises SMT-tails (22) for mounting the sheet metal section (section of element 10) to a circuit board (300)(fig. 6).



In regards to claim 8, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the sheet metal section (section of element 10) comprises SMC tails (22, 23) for mounting the sheet metal section (section of element 10) to a circuit board (300) comprising means (soldering portion) for engaging with the SMC tails (22, 23) (col. 5, lines 11-12).

In regards to claim 9, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the diecast metal section (section of element 90) and the sheet metal section (section of element 10) comprise structures (912) for engaging the diecast metal section (section of element 90) with the sheet metal section (section of element 10) (fig. 1).

In regards to claim 10, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the diecast metal section (section of element 90) comprises positioning elements (954) for placing the sheet metal section (section of element 10) with respect to the diecast metal section (section of element 90).

In regards to claim 14, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the diecast metal section (section of element 9) for use in a shielding cage (10+9).

In regards to claim 15, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the sheet metal section (section of element 10) for use in a shielding cage (10+9).

In regards to claim 16, Hwang discloses the shielding cage (10+9) wherein the electrical board connector (1) comprising a header assembly (electric components inside the body of 1) and a shielding cage (10+9)(fig. 11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang (US6478622B1).

In regards to claim 3, Hwang discloses the invention generally all as claim, but does not show the ratio of the first length (L1) to the second length (L2) to be in the range 1:4 to 1:5. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to change the ratio of the first length (L1) to the second length (L2) of Hwang et al to be in the range 1:4 to 1:5; since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233.

In regards to claims 4-6, Hwang discloses the invention generally all as claim, but does not have mounting tails on the diecast metal section. However, Hwang, himself, has the mounting tails (22, 23, 232, 222, 21, 212) for mounting the sheet metal section (section of element 10) to a circuit board (300); the mounting tails (22, 23, 232, 222, 21, 212) are solid integrated mounting tails of the metal section (section of element 10), and the mounting tails (22, 23, 232, 222, 21, 212) are pin tails (fig. 5). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to provide additional mounting tails from the teaching of the mounting tails

of the sheet metal section to the diecase metal section of Hwang for increasing the good connecting between the diecast metal section to the circuit board by itself.

6. Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang (US6478622B1) in view of Carey, II et al (US6858322B2).

In regards to claims 11, 12 and 13, Hwang discloses the invention generally all as claim, but does not show the copper, nickel and/or tin layer on the metal section. However, Carsey, II et al teaches the metal section to be or to be layered with layers of copper, nickel and/or tin (col. 45, lines 32-35) and/or to be capable of fusing on appliance of heat (col. 15, line 21-23). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to provide the materials on the metal section of Hwang by coating with the copper, nickel and/or tin layers as taught by Carey et al for increasing the durable life time for the metal section of the shielding cage.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuongchi Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2012. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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